

The Atoning Cross (Mark 10:45)

Sermon Devotional

Series: The Cross

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1. When a criminal has paid his debt to society and is released from prison, he is said to have atoned for his crimes. Given this context, what would you say the word “atone” means?
2. Theologians sometimes talk about the atonement of Christ. What would you consider “the atonement of Christ” to mean?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Mark 10:45 or access Pastor David’s message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. Speaking of himself, Jesus said in the last part of that verse that he came “to give his life as a ransom for many.” The first thing this statement tells us is that a life can be given away, lost, or forfeited. How valuable is a human life? Can a monetary value be placed on it?
5. The next idea that the last part of Mark 10:45 speaks of is that of a ransom. We think of ransoms being paid to release victims from kidnappers or prisoners of war from victorious nations. Whose lives were ransomed by Jesus’ death on the cross?
6. Another idea found in the last phrase of Mark 10:45 is that of substitution. The phrase “for many” literally means “*in the place of many*.” What does it mean to you that Jesus died as your substitute?

Bringing It Home

7. When Jesus died on the cross, he was not paying his debt to society. He was paying our debt to God. He atoned for our crimes against God. Do you believe Jesus left any of our sins against God unpaid for?
 8. Express to God in prayer your gratitude for having ALL of your sins forgiven.
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